

# **Policy on Memorials and Signage on the Grounds of UUCWI**

## **Preamble**

The original intent of the UUCWI membership, at the time the land was acquired and construction of the church commenced, was to maintain the Grounds in a natural appearing state, preserving and enhancing the native species and removing, as much as possible, the non-native species. The UUCWI members' appreciation and respect for the land is best exemplified by preserving and promoting the its natural setting while respecting the individual or collective beliefs of all congregational members in their appreciation for and use of the Grounds.

## **Policy**

In keeping with that intent, it is the policy of UUCWI that signage and memorabilia on the grounds be limited to certain areas where they will not be in the natural and undeveloped land. The signage at the church entrance is obviously in a developed area and is appropriate.

Signs out by the highway informing the public and members of special events or issues are approved on a temporary basis, to be removed when the event or campaign is completed. Those putting up such signage should be aware that we are limited by the county as to the size of all signage, and we are close to the limit.

Those wishing to place a marker or plaque honoring some special event or cause which is in line with our values should submit a request to the Board of Directors who will approve or deny the request. Approved requests then shall be taken to the Building and Grounds Committee for assistance in appropriate placement.

Two areas have been designated as developed and therefore appropriate for the plaques or markers in honor of special events or causes. These are the patio area outside the sanctuary and the flower beds along the front of the building. Other areas shall not be used.

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